

Dear Homeowner:

Enclosed is the 2007-2008 BASIC School Tax Relief (STAR) application. When a deed is filed with the Nassau County Clerk's Office, a new Basic STAR application is *required*. If you are currently receiving the STAR exemption, you still must complete this application in order to continue the exemption. We must have your completed application postmarked no later than January 2, 2007 to apply for the 2007-2008 school tax bill.

To complete your application, use the following list as a guide to assist you in providing the required documents.

- i **Proof of Ownership** – a copy of the most recent deed to the property. Cooperative apartment owners attach a copy of your Certificate of Shares.
- i **Proof of Primary Residence** - Current voter registration card, current car registration, 2005 New York State tax return or 2 complete utility bills. Proof must have present address on it.
- i You must submit the completed and signed application with photocopies of all required documents attached. **We cannot be responsible for original documents.**
- i Due to the extremely large volume of applications processed by this Department, it is recommended that the applications be filed **AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE**.

Senior Citizen Homeowners:

If you are 65 years of age or will be by December 31, 2007, and your Federal Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) less any taxable IRA distribution does not exceed \$67,850, you may qualify for the greater "ENHANCED" exemption. Please call the Department of Assessment at (516) 571-2490 and ask for an ENHANCED STAR application. There is an annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to the income limit for Enhanced STAR. Please check the income limit every year to see if you qualify. Applications are also available on the internet at www.nassaucountyny.gov/official/county/agencies/Assessor.